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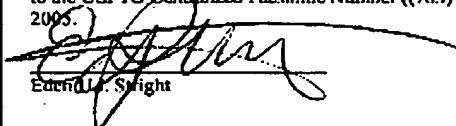
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Sir:

Please advise us in writing as to the status of the above-noted application.

On April 30, 2004, Applicants submitted the issue fee along with a Request for Consideration of Previously Submitted Document. In response to the Request, the Office issued a Corrected Notice of Allowance with an initialed PTO-1449 form. On October 28, 2004, and January 26, 2005, Applicants filed a Status Inquiry regarding the payment of the issue fee. On May 4, 2005, Applicants received a Notice of Abandonment (wrongful) for failure to submit the issue fee. Since this was a wrongful abandonment, and the issue fee was timely paid, on May 11, 2005, Applicants submitted a Request for Reconsideration of the Holding of Abandonment (No Abandonment in Fact) along with supporting evidence.

To date, Applicants have not yet received any type of response to the Request for Reconsideration of the Holding of Abandonment (No Abandonment in Fact) and request that a decision on the Request be issued. Further, Applicants request that the application be passed to the Publication Branch and issue as a patent.

Applicants reviewed the Patent Application Information Retrieval System (PAIR) and noted that the Request for Reconsideration of the Holding of Abandonment was erroneously docketed in the Image File Wrapper (IFW) system as an "Amendment – After Non-Final Rejection". This is a wrongful

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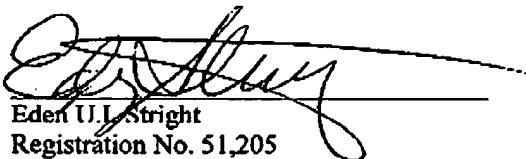
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description of the document and Applicants request that the description be changed to accurately reflect the substance of the document. A copy of the PAIR page showing the description of Applicants Request for Reconsideration of the Holding of Abandonment (No Abandonment in Fact) is attached herewith.

Should the Office require further information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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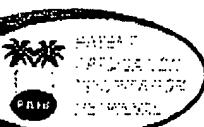
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